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**REPLY TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In reply to the Election of Species Requirement dated March 19, 2008, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.